

Madam Speaker, we could send everyone home today if only we in the majority, we Republicans, would bow down and accept every plan, every program every hair brain scheme to spend tax dollars that the Democrats have thrown at us. That is easy. We could finish our business if we would just simply mindlessly say, "Okay, you have got lots of new ideas on how to spend taxpayers' dollars, we'll accept those, all in their entirety, and then we'll go home." But we are not going home without some debate.

The President proposes, the Congress disposes. Right now the Democrats are in the minority in the House and in the minority in the Senate. But, as long as we are in the majority, we have to use our best judgment to deal with the President as we see fit, as we firmly believe our constituents and the American people that sent us here really want us to do. They did not send us here to cave in to the President. They did send us here to ignore the problems that he has encouraged in the last several months. They did not send us here simply to worry that we will be accused of being mean and heartless and thereby fold our cards and go home. They sent us here to use our good judgment and to be those stewards of the Federal Treasury to make sure that the person who is working so hard to feed his family, go to work, be good citizens throughout the community all around America, does not send his or her money to Washington just simply to see it wasted on another well-intentioned program or another run-wild bureaucracy. That is not exactly why the people put us in the position of the majority.

We are against his profligate ways, we are against the wasteful ways of the former majority and now the minority who have said, "We've got another great new program for you, another great new bureaucracy, another great way to spend your money; just give us all your cash and we'll tell you what to do with it." We think that is not the way to approach government. We are standing up for what we believe.

It is taking longer than we wanted it to take, but sooner or later we will end this soap opera. Sooner or later we will tell the American people we are tired of debating philosophy and programs, and we will put a ribbon on this package. It may not be the prettiest or the neatest package, but it will in fact still, after all the dust is settled, result in the first surplus in 30 years, and we will go home with a proud record of accomplishment.

I urge all Members to vote for this continuing resolution.

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, this is the fourth Continuing Resolution that has come before us—four times we have delayed the important business of keeping the government running.

Perhaps when we conclude this business, we can get on with the business of the American people.

This Congress has done nothing to help working families, but, while it is too late for some issues, it is not too late for others.

It is too late to pass health reform.

It is too late to reduce teen smoking and reform our campaign finance system.

And, it is too late to enact laws to protect the environment and to truly safeguard the surplus for social security.

But, it is not too late to make responsible budget decisions.

It is not too late to enact laws to hire new teachers, reduce class sizes and modernize schools.

It is not too late to help our small farmers by giving them reasonable access to credit.

And, it is not too late, Mr. Speaker, for voters to note what Congress has done and what it has not done.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON). All time for debate has expired.

The joint resolution is considered read for amendment.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the joint resolution.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the joint resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on H.J. Res. 135 will be postponed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 4566. An act to make technical corrections to the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 with respect to the courts and court system of the District of Columbia.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed a bill of the following title in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1733. An act to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to require food stamp State agencies to take certain actions to ensure that food stamp coupons are not issued for deceased individuals, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a study of options for the design, development, implementation, and operation of a national database to track participation in Federal means-tested public assistance programs, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 391) "An Act to provide for the disposition of certain funds appropriated to pay judgment in

favor of the Mississippi Sioux Indians, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 459) "An Act to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to extend certain authorizations, and for other purposes."

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 2 p.m.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 39 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 2 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GIBBONS) at 2 o'clock and 14 minutes p.m.

SUNDRY MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sundry messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GIBBONS). Pursuant to clause 5, rule I, the Chair will now put the question on H.J. Res. 135, and then on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.J. Res. 135, de novo;

H.R. 3963, de novo;

H.R. 4501, de novo;

H.R. 559, by the yeas and nays; and

S. 759, de novo.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of the passage of the joint resolution, H.J. Res. 135.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the joint resolution.

The joint resolution was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CANYON FERRY RESERVOIR LEASEHOLD CONVEYANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question de

novo of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 3963, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3963, as amended.

The question was taken.

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 217, nays 181, not voting 36, as follows:

[Roll No. 530]

YEAS—217

Aderholt	Fox	Moran (KS)
Armey	Franks (NJ)	Morella
Bachus	Frelinghuysen	Myrick
Baker	Gallegly	Nethercutt
Ballenger	Ganske	Neumann
Barrett (NE)	Gekas	Ney
Bartlett	Gibbons	Northup
Barton	Gilchrest	Norwood
Bass	Gillmor	Nussle
Bateman	Gilman	Oxley
Bereuter	Goode	Packard
Bilbray	Goodlatte	Pappas
Bilirakis	Goodling	Parker
Bliley	Goss	Paul
Blunt	Granger	Paxon
Boehlert	Gutknecht	Pease
Boehner	Hall (TX)	Peterson (PA)
Bonilla	Hansen	Petri
Bono	Hastert	Pickering
Brady (TX)	Hastings (WA)	Pitts
Bryant	Hayworth	Pombo
Bunning	Hefley	Pomeroy
Burr	Herger	Porter
Burton	Hill	Portman
Buyer	Hilleary	Quinn
Callahan	Hobson	Radanovich
Calvert	Hoekstra	Ramstad
Camp	Horn	Redmond
Campbell	Hostettler	Riggs
Canady	Houghton	Riley
Cannon	Hulshof	Rogan
Castle	Hunter	Rogers
Chabot	Hutchinson	Rohrabacher
Chambliss	Hyde	Ros-Lehtinen
Chenoweth	Istook	Roukema
Christensen	Jenkins	Royce
Coble	John	Ryun
Coburn	Johnson (CT)	Salmon
Collins	Johnson, Sam	Sanford
Combest	Jones	Saxton
Cook	Kasich	Schaffer, Bob
Cooksey	Kelly	Sensenbrenner
Cox	Kennedy (MA)	Sessions
Crane	Kim	Shadegg
Crapo	King (NY)	Shaw
Cubin	Kingston	Shays
Cunningham	Klug	Shimkus
Danner	Knollenberg	Skeen
Davis (VA)	LaHood	Smith (MI)
Deal	Latham	Smith (NJ)
DeLay	LaTourette	Smith (TX)
Diaz-Balart	Lazio	Smith, Linda
Dickey	Leach	Snowbarger
Doolittle	Lewis (CA)	Solomon
Dreier	Lewis (KY)	Souder
Duncan	Linder	Spence
Dunn	Livingston	Stearns
Ehlers	LoBiondo	Stump
Ehrlich	Lucas	Sununu
Emerson	Manzullo	Talent
English	McCollum	Taylor (NC)
Ensign	McCrery	Thomas
Everett	McDade	Thornberry
Ewing	McInnis	Thune
Fawell	McIntosh	Tiahrt
Foley	McKeon	Trafficant
Forbes	Metcalfe	Upton
Fossella	Mica	Walsh
Fowler	Miller (FL)	Wamp

Watkins
Watts (OK)
Weldon (PA)
Weller

White
Whitfield
Wicker
Wolf

Young (AK)
Young (FL)

NAYS—181

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Allen
Andrews
Baesler
Baldacci
Barcia
Barrett (WI)
Becerra
Bentsen
Berry
Bishop
Blagojevich
Blumenauer
Bonior
Borski
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Brady (PA)
Brown (CA)
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Capps
Cardin
Clay
Clayton
Clement
Clyburn
Condit
Costello
Coyne
Cramer
Cummings
Davis (FL)
DeFazio
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
Deutsch
Dicks
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Doyle
Edwards
Engel
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Farr
Fattah
Fazio
Filner
Ford
Frost
Furse
Gejdenson
Gephardt
Gonzalez

Gordon
Green
Gutierrez
Hall (OH)
Hamilton
Harman
Hastings (FL)
Hilliard
Hinchey
Hinojosa
Holden
Hooley
Hoyer
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jefferson
Johnson (WI)
Johnson, E.B.
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kennedy (RI)
Kildee
Kind (WI)
Klecza
Klink
Kucinich
Clement
LaFalce
Lampson
Lantos
Lee
Levin
Lewis (GA)
Lofgren
Lowey
Luther
Maloney (CT)
Maloney (NY)
Manton
Markay
Martinez
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McDermott
McHale
McIntyre
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Menendez
Millender
McDonald
Miller (CA)
Minge
Mink
Moakley
Mollohan

Moran (VA)
Murtha
Nadler
Oberstar
Obey
Oliver
Ortiz
Owens
Pallone
Pascrell
Pastor
Payne
Pelosi
Peterson (MN)
Price (NC)
Rahall
Rangel
Rivers
Rodriguez
Roemer
Roybal-Allard
Rush
Sabo
Sanchez
Sanders
Sandlin
Sawyer
Schumer
Scott
Serrano
Sherman
Sisisky
Skaggs
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith, Adam
Snyder
Spratt
Stabenow
Stark
Stenholm
Stokes
Strickland
Stupak
Tanner
Tauscher
Taylor (MS)
Thompson
Thurman
Tierney
Towns
Turner
Velazquez
Vento
Waters
Waxman
Wexler
Weygand
Woolsey
Wynn
Yates

NOT VOTING—36

Archer
Barr
Berman
Carson
Conyers
Davis (IL)
Frank (MA)
Graham
Greenwood
Hefner
Inglis
Kennelly
Kilpatrick
Kolbe
Largent
Lipinski
McGovern
McHugh
Neal
Pickett
Poshard
Pryce (OH)
Regula
Reyes
Rothman
Scarborough
Schaeffer, Dan
Shuster
Smith (OR)
Tauzin
Torres
Visclosky
Watt (NC)
Weldon (FL)
Wilson
Wise

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Ms. ESHOO and Mr. HALL of Ohio changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So (two-thirds not having voted in favor thereof) the motion was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GIBBONS). Pursuant to clause 5, rule I, the

Chair announces that he will reduce to a minimum of 5 minutes the period of time within which a vote by electronic device may be taken on each additional motion to suspend the rules on which the Chair has postponed further proceedings today.

REQUIRING STUDY REGARDING IMPROVED OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACCESS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question de novo of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 4501.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4501.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ADDING BRONCHIOLO-ALVEOLAR CARCINOMA TO LIST OF SERVICE-CONNECTED DISEASES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 559.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. STUMP) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 559, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were— yeas 400, nays 0, not voting 34, as follows:

[Roll No. 531]

YEAS—400

Abercrombie	Borski	Condit
Ackerman	Boswell	Cook
Aderholt	Boucher	Cooksey
Allen	Boyd	Costello
Andrews	Brady (PA)	Cox
Armey	Brady (TX)	Coyne
Bachus	Brown (CA)	Cramer
Baesler	Brown (FL)	Crane
Baker	Brown (OH)	Crapo
Baldacci	Bryant	Cubin
Ballenger	Bunning	Cummings
Barcia	Burr	Cunningham
Barrett (NE)	Burton	Danner
Barrett (WI)	Buyer	Davis (FL)
Bartlett	Callahan	Davis (VA)
Barton	Calvert	Deal
Bass	Camp	DeFazio
Bateman	Campbell	DeGette
Becerra	Canady	Delahunt
Bentsen	Cannon	DeLauro
Bereuter	Capps	DeLay
Berry	Cardin	Deutsch
Bilbray	Castle	Diaz-Balart
Bilirakis	Chabot	Dickey
Bishop	Chambliss	Dicks
Blagojevich	Chenoweth	Dingell
Bliley	Christensen	Dixon
Blumenauer	Clay	Doggett
Blunt	Clement	Dooley
Boehlert	Clyburn	Doolittle
Boehner	Coble	Doyle
Bonilla	Coburn	Dreier
Bonior	Collins	Duncan
Bono	Combest	Dunn